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s 1.4 (b) and (d).

11. (C) PolOff on July 9 delivered to MFA reftel points urging China to instruct its UN Mission to join the United States in asking the Arab Group not to present its draft UN Security Resolution on Israeli settlements before negotiations are complete. MFA International Organizations and Conferences Department UN Division Deputy Director Sun Xiaobo said China would prefer a negotiated solution that satisfies all parties, but, if Libya presents its draft for approval, China will support the Libyan draft. PolOff replied that such a position is not consistent with China's usual cautious emphasis on the need for consultation and negotiation rather than UNSC action on international disputes. Sun said "since the U.S. position on Middle East issues is well known, there is no question what the result will be." He added, "China's historical support for the Arab Group is well established and will not change on this resolution."  
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